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Teams—83 Coy R.G.A., Rossiter; Mallet, Daughrey; White, Wetherall, Frost; Poole, Crane, Buckley, Mardie, Woodbridge.

87 Coy R.G.A.—Marsh; Chapman, McCubbin; Ware, Westbrook, Richards; Rowe, Bristow, Clarke, Moir, Nutty.

Referee—Mr. Woods.

This league game was played at Lyemum yesterday. The 87th Coy kicked off racing a strong breeze, and the keen rivalry between the teams was early in evidence. Poole and Crane quickly made a fine combined run but Richards pulled the winger up when about to shoot. From Richards' clearance, Nutty secured and running through looked dangerous when Daughrey ran across and charged his shot down. 83 Coy resumed the attack and there was a great struggle with the opposing defence. Poole sent in a fine shot which was equally well saved by Marsh who saved again from Woodbridge. McCubbin relieved the pressure temporarily but after a little midfield play Buckley came through with a rush and Marsh was fully extended in saving his shot. Half time arrived with the score—83 Coy R.G.A. 0; 87 Coy R.G.A. 0.

Buckley restarted for 83 Coy who immediately assumed the aggressive. Marsh was severely tested and his saves from Mardie and Woodbridge were splendid. Richards caused 87 Coy to take up the running and passing beautifully to Nutty, the winger put in a fine run and centre which Clarke secured, and drawing the defence passed over to Moir who with an open goal delayed his shot and Wetherall rushing back effected a fine clearance. Front brought play back to the other end where 83 Coy had had luck, a fine shot from Mardie striking the bar; but their persistence was rewarded, as Marsh, in saving a dropping shot from Woodbridge dropped the ball, and before he could clear, Buckley had both ball and goal in the net, giving 83 Coy a deserved lead. There was barely time to kick off when the whistle sounded time with the result—83 Coy R.G.A. 1; 87 Coy R.G.A. 0.

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INTIMATIONS

THE NEW TERRITORIES (HONG KONG) TIN DREDGING CO., LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1911.)

CAPITAL, ... \$750,000
Divided into 75,000 Ordinary Shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares, 50,000 ordinary shares are to be issued and credited as paid up, and as below mentioned the remaining 25,000 ordinary shares are now offered for public subscription payable as follows:—

PROMOTER'S ISSUE.—There are offered for subscription 25,000 Ordinary Shares at par payable as follows:—

\$2.50 per share on application.
\$2.50 within 3 months of the registration of the Company.

APPLICATIONS.—Have already been received for 7,500 Shares, part of this present issue and are already guaranteed.

DIRECTORS.

F. D. BARRETT, Esq., of No. 3 Queen's Buildings Victoria Hongkong, Merchant, Barrister and Solicitor.
Dr. E. EVANS-JONES, of No. 18 Bank Buildings Victoria Hongkong, Dental Surgeon.J. F. JOSEPH, Esq., of Prince's Hall Victoria Hongkong, Bill and Exchange Broker.
W. LOGAN, Esq., of No. 4 Lee House Street Victoria Hongkong, Share and General Broker.

G. A. TIDBALL, Esq., of Prince's Building Manager of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, Hongkong.

BANKERS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SOLICITOR.

MR. M. J. D. STEPHENS.

AUDITORS.

MESSRS. LOWE, BINGHAM AND MATTHEWS.

GENERAL AGENTS.

MESSRS. BARRETT AND CO.

ADVISING ENGINEER.

MR. G. LANZIUS.

REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY:
3, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company has been formed for the purposes mentioned in its Memorandum of Association and primarily for the purpose of acquiring from Mr. F. D. Barrett, whose address is given above the Vendor the Company, of 640 acres of Mining Land in the New Territories to be comprised in a Mining Lease to be granted by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, which 640 acres is at present included in a Mining Licence granted by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council to Mr. F. D. Barrett and dated the 14th of November 1912.

PROPERTY.—The property to be transferred by Mr. F. D. Barrett to the Company will be the Mining Lease when granted containing an area of 640 acres in one block and will be for a term not exceeding 75 years and the lease will be applied for immediately on the formation of the Company.

The business will be taken over by the Company as a going concern as from the date of registration of the Company, and all profits realized from that date.

TRANSPORT.—Transport is very reasonable as will be seen from the report made by Mr. G. Lanzius, an estimate of the cost of transporting Ore from the Mine to Hongkong being \$10 per ton.

REVENUE.—Reports have been made on the property by Mr. G. Lanzius, who has been prospecting the property for the past three months. Copies of both these reports are circulated herewith, and the originals may be inspected at the Office of the Company's Solicitor at any time during office hours up to the closing of the Application list. In his report Mr. G. Lanzius states that he has practically inspected the 640 acres to be acquired, and has obtained an average value of 3 lbs. of Tin Oxide per acre from the tin impregnated.

He draws attention to the fact that the Tin Ore is fairly evenly distributed through the deposit, and that the property is essentially a dredging proposition, and should be worked very cheaply, the ground being mostly free wash with small boulders.

PLANT.—In regard to Plant, Estimates have been prepared by Mr. G. Lanzius, the cost of Dredge, Smelters, Tin Store, etc., being placed at \$150,000.

CAPITAL.—This issue provides for the sum of \$250,000 and after allowing for cost of plant, etc., as above, it is proposed to devote the sum of \$70,000 for working.

PURCHASE CONSIDERATION.—The purchase price of the property has been fixed at \$500,000 payable entirely in Shares to Mr. F. D. Barrett or his Nominees, who will undertake in writing with the Company not to sell such shares on allotment for a period of twelve months from the registration of the Company under the sum of fifteen dollars per share.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION.—The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is 10,000 shares to be issued as wholly payable in cash, or payable as above \$250 on application \$50 on allotment and the balance of \$200 within 3 months of the registration of the Company.

RENT AND ROYALTY.—The Crown Rent payable in respect of the 640 acres is fixed at \$2 per acre per annum. Royalty will not exceed 5 per cent and is payable to the Government of Hongkong in respect of all Ore won. The Royalty of 5 per cent on all Ore so won compares very favourably with the duty charged by the Government of the Federated Malay States.

DEPRECIATION.—Provision is made for a Depreciation on Plant of 10 per cent yearly.

PARLIAMENTS EXPENSES.—The Company to pay the preliminary expenses of and incident to the formation and dosing of the Company, down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$2,000.

QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND GENERAL AGENTS.—The following are the provisions contained in the Articles of Association as to the qualification and remuneration of Directors and General Agents: "No person shall be eligible for the office of Director unless he be a shareholder holding at the least one hundred shares." "The Directors shall be

paid out of the funds of the Company by way of remuneration for services such sum as shall be from time to time determined by the Company in General Meeting, and the same shall unless otherwise determined by the meeting be divided amongst them in such proportions and manner as the Directors immediately concerned by Agreement may determine, and in default of such determination equally."

"The firm of Barrett & Co. of Hongkong their nominees or successors in business so long as they or any one of the partners of the firm jointly or severally shall hold in their or his own right not less than one thousand shares of the Company and shall be willing to act as to be the General Agents of the Company and their allowance shall consist of a sum of one thousand dollars per month for defraying the office expenses of the registered Head Office of the Company at Hongkong."

AGREEMENT.—In addition to the Lease to be granted the following Agreement has been entered into in connection with the Company.

I.—An Agreement dated the 30th day of January 1913 made between Mr. F. D. Barrett of the one part and the Company of the other part being an Agreement for the transfer or assignment of the lease to the Company.

The Directors of the Company are not aware of any contracts other than the Agreement referred to.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and of the above mentioned Agreement and Reports can be seen at the office of the Solicitor to the Company at any time during business hours.

A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is printed in the fold in this prospectus and is a part of it.

Application for Shares must be made on the accompanying form, and forwarded to the Company's Bankers with the amount of the deposit. If no Allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full, and if the number of Shares allotted be less than that applied for the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the amount due on Allotment and any excess returned to the applicant. Failure to pay the amount due on Allotment will render the Shares and the previous payments liable to forfeiture.

The Vendor holds the right to further mining rights of about four Square Miles adjoining the present Company's Concession.—In the event of these or any portion thereof being disposed of to any person, syndicate, or Company, it has been agreed by the Vendor that he will deliver to this Company, for distribution amongst the then shareholders thereof, one third of the purchase price, whether in cash or in shares, which he may receive as a consideration for his disposal of such rights, or part of them.

Copies of the Prospectus with forms of Application for Shares may be obtained from the Solicitor, Agents, Directors and/or Bankers of the Company.

This prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

F. D. Barrett,
E. Evans-Jones,
J. F. Joseph,
W. Logan,
G. A. Tidball,
Directors.

It is estimated from the Report attached of the Mining Engineer that the approximate output will amount to about 300 tons per annum.

(Dredge capacity of 1,600 c. Yds. per day, and counting to recover 1 lb. of Tin Oxide per c. yd. \$250 per day = \$75,000 lba. per annum.) Taking the price of Tin Oxide at \$1,200 per ton makes a gross value of say ... \$900,000.

WORKING EXPENSES.
For Dredge and Management at the Mines \$3,000 x 12 = \$36,000
Office and Administration Expenses 12,000
Directors' fees say 3,000
Royalty say 5% on \$360,000 = 18,000
Taxes 1,500
Redemption of land 10,000
Redemption of Plant & say 10% 15,000
"foreseen" 17,500
\$113,000.

As the working expenses (details of which are set up above) are estimated to amount to \$113,000 there should be available annually for dividend a sum of \$247,000 equal to 30 per cent on the total nominal capital of the Company assuming the above estimate of output proves to be correct.

PLANT & C.
Cost of one 3 c. ft. Buckle Dredge, chain, boom and engine, f.o.b. London ... \$120,000
Transportation and erection of Dredge & ... 10,000
Tools and Machinery, etc. ... 15,000
Redemption of land (as required) 20,000
Two Smelters, using Oil Fuel to run down Tin Oxide into ingots of about 90% pure Tin 5,000
Working Capital ... 70,000
\$250,000.ENGINEER'S REPORT.
Hongkong, 22nd Nov. 1912.Gentlemen,
In accordance with my agreement with you I now beg to submit my report on part of the Tin Mining Concession you hold in the New Territories from the Government of Hongkong. I also attach a sketch map to this report.

As a lease consists of one square mile or 640 acres, I have confined my examination to this area.

LOCATION.—The property is situated in the New Territories behind the Kowloon Peninsula in the district of Yunglong, and distant about 14 hours by steam launch from the City of Victoria and a walk of about 2 hours from the landing place brings one to our present headquarters. The property can also be reached by using the Kowloon Railway to Tai Po or Fan Ling and thence by foot or on horseback. There is also another route by steam launch by way of Deep Bay, the mouth of the river near Yunglong being about 2 miles from the works.

AREA.—As stated above I have confined myself to the examination of one mining lease or 640 acres.

This is granted by the Government of Hongkong, being situated in British Territory. The lease is for 75 years or for such longer term as the Secretary of State may authorize. The Royalty is fixed by Ordinance not to exceed 5 per cent of the estimated value of the metal at the Mines when ready for exportation or for smelting or refining.

LABOUR.—Is both cheap and plentiful and the source of supply being close at hand, there is no fear of any scarcity, as is unfortunately the case with many similar enterprises elsewhere.

TRANSPORT.—The situation of the property being so near to Hongkong, I can confidently say that the cost of carriage of the extracted metal to the shore in the harbour should not exceed \$10 per ton. I understand the Hongkong Government intend building shortly a branch line of the Kowloon Canton Railway at Fan Ling

to a place near our present workings. This should considerably facilitate the transport and cheapen the cost.

GENERAL.—I have now worked on the property for about two months and have started sluicing for Tin. Sixty men have so far been employed and I have succeeded in recovering 920 pounds of tin concentrate per day. This Tin, I understood from you, has been valued by the Straits Trading Company (Smelters) at \$151 per ton.

The whole of the 640 acres is practically level country, partly privately owned and cultivated paddy and potato fields and partly Crown waste land. The local rocks consist of Miocene granite with slight impregnation of Tin. The deposit is formed from the decomposition of the hills all round. Two streams run through the property and as both have in course of time changed their beds from one side of the property to the other, alluvial deposits of tin are found all through the ground of the concession. I have made numerous diggings almost all over the area, with satisfactory results. As the rainfall this year has been considerably less than the average and there being in our present dry season sufficient water in the streams for our purpose, there need not be any fear of scarcity.

I can safely give the average of the wash to be twenty feet and more. The gravel is very fine and only in some parts small deposits of clay are found intermixed with sand. The largest boulders I have come across do not exceed 8 inches in diameter. The ground on the surface contains very fine Tin, black, ruby and rosin Tin. Also little bits of white Tin. The analysis of the Tin concentrates so far recovered, I have got places carrying up to 8 pounds of concentrates to the cubic yard of gravel. I sluiced 60 cubic yards and recovered 300 pounds of tin of 69 per cent.

The property is essentially a dredging proposition and I can strongly recommend you to at once invest in a Tin Dredge of about 1500 cubic yard capacity per cent.

PROPOSED WORKING.—The acreage of the lease consisting of one square mile (640 acres) I propose to give you an idea of the proposition and I can strongly recommend you to at once invest in a Tin Dredge of about 1500 cubic yard capacity per cent.

The monthly working expenses, including working of the Tin Dredge, salaries of Manager, assistants, wages of sufficient native labour to recover 90,000 pounds of Tin Concentrates per month should not exceed \$3,000 during the same period.

In conclusion I must say that I consider the property examined by me as a most valuable one, enhanced by its close proximity to Hongkong, to the source of supply of cheap native labour, and easy transportation facilities.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
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COMMERCIAL.

COTTON REPORT.

Messrs James F. Hutton and Co. Ltd., Manchester, in their weekly market report, dated Jan. 10 state:—As seen from the above figures the quantity of American Cotton "into sight" to last Friday for the season is losing ground as compared with last year, being \$10,000 bales behind, and the receipts as American Ports are \$98,000 bales less, while the visible supply of all kinds of Cotton is \$12,000 bales ahead, and of American 114,000 bales more than last year.

The Cotton Markets of America and also Liverpool have been quieter during the past week, in sympathy with the dull state of our Market for Textiles and Yarns. Cotton prices had already declined yesterday for Spot at Liverpool 19 points since a week ago—there is also a big discount on futures for Autumn months in view of the probable increase in planting next Spring in the American Cotton States, where the growers must have done well with the present Season's Crop.

Crop Reports have arrived lately from Egypt that later developments will tend to decrease the total quantity previously expected.

There is nothing decisive to report this week concerning the discussions between the representative of Masters and Operatives on the subject of bad spinning Cotton.

The exact outcome of the present American Crop is still more in doubt than in most seasons at this date, but is regarded as certain to reach 14 million bales with a possible maximum of 14½ millions. It is seen in any case that there will not be any real scarcity of Cotton until the arrival of the next American Crop, and with the prospect of another large Crop next season, with the quieter markets for Textiles both abroad and at home, prices for Cotton have given way a little on this side practically every day during the week past.

Messrs Neill Bros. in their monthly circular just issued state they have no varied in their estimate of 14½ to 14½ million bales for this season's consumption of American Cotton, while it looks as if their Crop estimate of 14½ million bales will be about realized—Mill Stocks on the 10th inst. they estimate at 2,225,000 bales, against 1,400,000 bales last year and 1,500,000 bales in 1911.

In our market for Yarns and Piece Goods buying operations have been on a much smaller scale than before the Xmas Holidays, at the same time good lines are negotiated in some quarters for India, Sangoon, Straits, Java and occasion ally for China—owing to the dullness of the Market, and the small decline in Liverpool Cotton, both Spinnings and Manufacturers have accepted reductions for these lines, generally about 2½ to 5 per cent below the highest in these cases.

Manufacturers' contracts for some portion of their machinery were dwindling down to none, and this same remark will apply to many other Markets week by week, where the looms are not engaged on staples or special lines booked so far ahead.

New York Spot Cotton was 10 points down last evening as compared with a week ago, but at the close there was no advance in future, and on this side Liverpool closed last evening with futures advanced, the belief apparently being entertained that Cotton will not go lower, but that we shall see an advance—it is however impossible to give an opinion worthy of reliance, the extent of any reaction, however, would be reduced if buyers held off some time longer, and probably this is the best policy.

A few days ago, an American named Adams, sailing from Ohio, arrived in Bangkok after an adventurous journey from Moulemein on foot. He set out with a knapsack containing belongings weighing one hundred pounds, and arrived at Bangkok looking well after his hard tramp. He had a couple of companions at one stage of his journey, but arrived in Bangkok alone. During his journey he did some prospecting, and brought some mineral specimens along with him. He has proceeded to China, leaving for Hongkong by steamer. It is interesting to note, says the Siam Observer, that the influx of Europeans into Burma is becoming more and more pronounced, especially since the Burma railways have been extended up to Moulemein, in the extreme south, and also to the Chinese frontier, in the north. The Shan States (Guthrie's map) are now open to trade, and have begun to forward many inquiries for goods of all kinds.

HAPPY JAPAN.

Mr. Arata Aoki, Japanese Vice-Consul, on the 8th ult. read a paper before the Japan Society on "The Modern Industries of Japan." Since the restrictions on trade that existed before the Restoration had been abolished, he said, the imports and exports of the country had increased from \$2,000,000 to \$295,000,000. This was due to opportune measures for protecting industries and to the national genius that had blended the arts and manufactures of the East and West. As in ancient times, agriculture still stood first among Japanese industries, now producing \$150,000,000 a year, as well as a healthy population and hardy soldiers. It was mainly tillage in small holdings where machines were not used; work was done by hoe and spade and ox and horse, the animals being treated by their owners like brothers, as "the gentlemen who paid the rent." The main food of the people was represented by 250,000,000 bushels of rice. Straw went to Europe and America to be made into hats. Cotton-growing had almost died out as a result of foreign competition. Silk, cultivated by the women and children, produced \$18,000,000, of which \$13,000,000 came from exports to Europe and America. How to prevent the agricultural population from flocking into the towns was a difficult problem, for high prices made their existence precarious. Good results, however, were obtained from co-operation between farmers, agricultural banks, encouragement of rural industries, reclaiming waste land, and scientific education. The lecturer emphasised the importance of the fishing industry and that of salt robbing, the salt being extracted from sea water. Forestry was of growing interest by reason of the increasing demand for timber, and the beauty of woodland and mountain had had not a little influence in forming the national character. Mining was making good progress under modern methods, but iron was mostly imported. The manufacturing industries had nearly doubled in ten years, and silk and cotton accounted for 40 per cent of them. Woollen manufacture was not quite a success, but smelting and shipbuilding were of much importance. There was an increasing demand for window glass, but the glass industry was at a standstill, perhaps through fear of window-smashers. (Laughter.) Food and drink were produced in greater quantities than were required, but Japan bought more raw material than she sold. The country had no strikes or trade disputes; there were no Trades Unions; wages had risen more than prices; and the workers' position had been improved. He did not expect a continuance of the recent rapid rate of advance, but he looked for steady progress, and regarded the National Debt as only a temporary burden, which a thrifty population would relieve.

SHIPBUILDING RETURNS.

The returns compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, which only take into account vessels the construction of which has actually begun, show that, excluding warships, there were 540 vessels of 1,970,666 tons gross under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter ended 31st December, 1912, against 1,619,052 in the corresponding period of 1911. The tonnage of British warships under construction in the United Kingdom in the last quarter of 1911 was 154,846 at Royal dockyards and of British and foreign war vessels building in private yards 494,875 tons.

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Mr. W. J. King, School House, Trumpington Road, Forest Gate, E., writes:—"I am writing to add my name to the list of those people who have found Phosferine to be the Greatest of all Tonics. Some time back I was very much run down through overstrain brought on by incessant bodily exercise and mental application. The usual remedy of making it to give up some of their work, have a rest, and at the same time take medicine, so I endeavoured to keep going without seeking advice, but as I was getting worse I found that policy would not do. Having heard many friends speak about Phosferine, and one in particular offering me some, I decided to give it a trial. Purchasing a 2/6 bottle, I began to doctor myself. The result not only astonished me, but others also noticed how much better I was, even although I had only taken a few doses, I found I could do the same amount of work easier, and at present am able to do more than before and yet not feel the strain. I have a good deal of public speaking, and I find an occasional dose of Phosferine a great benefit."—May 23, 1912.

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7.15 P.M. PICTURES ONLY 7.15 P.M.

The present position clearly indicates that both the representatives of the people and the Elder Statesmen are having what it is to be hoped will prove to be the final tug in the bad old feudal tussle. It is quite legitimate, of course, for a ministry to call in the aid of the Crown on certain occasions; but no Statesmen worthy of the name would dare do so unless he were convinced that on behalf of the country as a whole the action were justifiable. Such a step should be the last resource, and it certainly should be of such a nature that subsequent events are not likely to prove more disastrous than the crisis it is intended to avert. Without adequate cause for such action, the calling into force, in these days even in Japan, is a step, which, to say the least, is more likely to rebound disastrously upon those who use such a power than it is likely to affect those against whom it is directed.

Apparently the Katsura Ministry have definitely decided to concur in the schemes of the "Military Party" by which it is proposed, probably as a first instalment to establish two more divisions of troops in Korea. The people are very firmly opposed to such extension, and, as was pointed out in this column the other day, two Ministries have already been overwhelmed in consequence of the controversy. As we also stated at the time, the Katsura Ministry bade fair to go the same way; and possibly in the opinions of Prince Katsura that is sufficient justification for his drastic action in recommending the Imperial Edict. It is believed that the Premier hopes to be able to call into being yet another Party through which, in the name of a better understanding of the Constitution, he hopes to realise the military extension. This step reminds one somewhat of the great Disraeli's attempt to convert his country into the belief that Toryism is the truly democratic party. Prince Katsura would do better service to his country as a whole if he would endeavour to use his great ability towards the mitigation of the taxation that has for so long weighed so heavily upon Japan and which, of course, inflicts most hardship upon those least able to bear it. Whether for good or for evil, Democracy in Japan is firmly established, and it is unlikely that the views of the Elder Statesmen will always be considered as infallible by the masses of the people, led by competent though, meantime, perhaps not outstanding leaders. It is the people who, by heavy losses in men and money, bore the brunt of the terrible upheavals through which Japan has passed during the past fifty years, and they, therefore, have a right to "call a halt" to taxation when they consider and are able to prove—as they could easily do—that it is oppressive.

'Since writing the above, news is to hand that the Constitutional Party have decided to adhere to their intention of bringing forward the vote of no-confidence in the Government. A large demonstration has taken place and some disorder and damage done by mobs. It is also stated that the Government have resolved to resign.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. von Holleben, late German Ambassador to Washington, has died, at the age of seventy-five years.

"Il Sole, di Milan, states, in its issue of January 3, that China offered the poet of Financial Adviser to Signor Luigi Luzzatti, formerly Italian Minister of Finance. He refused, however, not wishing to leave Italy.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Captain W. Loring, R.A., (who recently left Hongkong by the Transport "Rohilla") the second surviving son of the late Admiral Sir William Loring, K.C.B., and of Lady Loring, of Stonehouse, near Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Cicely Catherine Schomwar, third daughter of Vice-Admiral Charles Johnston, of Gravelly, Frimley, Surrey.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the Abdication of the Manchu Dynasty.

The results of the first round of the Football Association Cup will be found on page 3.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Steamship Company state that the ship shipped from Hongkong by the "Empress of India" on January 11 reached New York on February 7.

To-day being the 55th Anniversary of the first Apparition of the Immaculate Conception in the grotto of Massabielle, on the banks of the river Gave at Lourdes, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 8 o'clock this morning.

Sergeant Adlington, charged 18 men before Mr. Haselwood to-day with gambling at No. 1 Ng Fuk Lane. The first defendant was proved to be the keeper of the gambling house, and he was fined \$50. The remainder were fined \$3 each. A sum of \$1.63 which was found at the house was forfeited to the Crown.

The French Consul's four chair coolies were charged on the Magistrate before Mr. Mulbourne this morning with absconding themselves without leave. The defendant's excuse was that they went to wish their friends the compliments of the season. The French Consul said he thought a small fine would meet the case. Mr. Mulbourne concurred, and the men were fined 50 cents each.

THE PRACTICAL AND THE IDEAL.

Lecture by Professor Smith.

Professor C. A. M. Smith, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Hongkong University, lectured last evening at the European Y.M.C.A. Rooms to a rather small gathering upon "The Practical and the Ideal." The Rev. C. H. Hickling presided. Professor Smith said that everyone was aware that great changes had taken place in the Far East during the past year. A political revolution had changed the responsible government of the country. They were at the commencement of an industrial revolution, the effect of which would be of more importance than any alteration in the form of government of China. For the changes of the next few years would affect not only the 400 millions of Cathay but the inhabitants of the planet. No one who had given the subject any thought could doubt that the new era of industry had dawned in China. They might speculate about the ultimate effect of the Western knowledge, but there could no longer be any doubt that it would be sought and utilised. For his own part he had no hesitation in saying that he did not fear the spread of knowledge, ignorance being the only fatal foe to the happiness of mankind. The acquisition of present day industrial methods by the Chinese might bring with it some of the ills and cancers which so disfigure modern civilisation; but even these were curable and remedies would certainly be discovered and applied as their interpretation of the laws of Nature improved. The world was looking out upon the future with a new confidence. There were of course always pessimists who trembled at the very idea of new methods and new knowledge, but fortunately they were gradually diminishing in number. The problem which fascinated them all just now was this: "What would be the probable effect in the next few years of the industrial revolution which was already taking place in Eastern Asia?" Before that question could be answered in any satisfactory manner they must make some attempt to discover the causes of the great changes which had taken place in other parts of the world. In many respects the China of to-day resembled the Britain of about the time of the great fire of London. There were, at any rate, the parallel cases of inspiring literature and an utter ignorance of the laws of Nature. Men spent their lives in England in the Elizabethan period upon abstract speculations but seldom, or never, tested their ideas by practical experiment. They were like children turning over the leaves of a book without a knowledge of the alphabet or a man attempting to read in darkness. The light of Science had not entered in upon their lives. And as they, to-day, looked around them in China and saw sights which saddened them, they must remember that similar things were happening in their own country of Britain two or three hundred years ago and that many of the best features of Chinese life of that time and of to-day were entirely absent in Europe. Professor Smith traced back the starting point of scientific knowledge to Bacon, whose method was to ask when anyone made an assertion, "What is your proof?" "Let us test your statement by scientific experiment." That was the true scientific spirit; it was the attitude of modern science. It accepted fully the axiom that there were countless problems in life for which their minds clamoured for a solution and the true meaning of which were, at present unknown. It resolutely refused to believe that because to-day the mystery could not be mastered therefore the world would always remain in ignorance. It presented an ideal of life completely changed from that of any other era, and was a natural product of the message of "Peace on Earth and good-will among men." Science had not only changed our daily life; it had affected, in a tremendous manner, the ideals of mankind.

Professor Smith pointed out that though the laws of Nature, the methods of natural selection, were Spartan, beyond all that they had the recorded experience that there was a survival and endurance by means of co-operation, kindness and the endeavour to help one another, and that most of the great inventors had been inspired by quite altruistic motives. Among the surprises which he had experienced in China was the laudable attempt of the Y.M.C.A. there to combine the practical and the ideal. In conclusion Professor Smith pointed out that the whole outlook of intelligent thought had been changed by science. Previously the only path to fame was that trod by the soldier. Now the one aim of intelligent individuals was to heal suffering and not to cause it.

THE EFFECT OF UNIVERSITY TEACHING.

Will Europeans be Displaced?

Professor C. A. M. Smith, of Hongkong University, gave last evening at the conclusion of a lecture which he delivered at the Y.M.C.A. an interesting expression of opinion as to the probable effect which the technical instruction afforded by the University to the Chinese will have upon the employment of Europeans in Chinese service. Professor Smith's interrogator stated that at the time the establishment of the University was first mooted it was frequently said that it would be detrimental to European engineers to educate the Chinese, as they so readily acquired mechanical knowledge; and he asked whether it was likely that the European would be ousted?

Professor Smith said it was a great surprise to him to find in the East any European or American afraid of competition. It was perfectly obvious that what would happen, at any rate in the present generation, was that the moment they had students going out from the University aware of the newly-discovered laws of Nature of which even the so-called educated people of China were utterly ignorant, they would be busily employed upon such ordinary work as sanitation, water supply and the lighting of cities. There would be such a colossal amount to be done that they would be simply educating public opinion, and would be able to do nothing else. The actual demand for European skilled labour would in consequence become very much greater than it was at present. So far as he was concerned he would impress upon his students that to educate public opinion was their life work and he would regard almost as a failure a man who stayed behind in Hongkong. He wished the engineering students to go right out into China; and he wanted them to come not only from Hongkong and the vicinity but from the furthest provinces. The moment people were introduced to such things as printing machinery, etc., they would begin to travel and as soon as that happened they would commence a life of co-operation with other nations. The Chinese might build their electric light plant in ten years time but if they did that they would have to mine to get the steel and would naturally turn to the men who had experience of mining for instruction. New machines would be produced from time to time which could only be obtained in Europe or America and so they would have to go there for them. It was nonsense to say that China could be self-contained. Japan would have been in an infinitely better position to-day if instead of keeping everything for the Japanese other brains had been brought in. He hoped the mistake made by Japan would not be made by China of setting up an utterly materialistic ideal.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon, when Mr. D. W. Trotman, Acting-President, presided. Others present included Mr. Chan Kai Ming, Dr. Francis Clark, (Medical Officer of Health) Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Dr. Fitzwilliams, and Col. Irwin. There was no business of any public importance.

THE ROBBERIES AT KOWLOON.

PRISONERS AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT. At the Magistrate's this afternoon before Mr. Hazard, the Chinese who have been arrested on charges of robbery from a number of houses in Kowloon were again brought up. There are no less than six counts against the prisoner, and the case for the prosecution was conducted by Messrs. G. W. W. and W. L. W.

Mr. Elizabeth Robinson, wife of Major Robinson of the 26th Punjab, said she resided at 21 Knutsford Terrace. On January 21st about 3 a.m. she was awakened by the door handle being turned. She switched on the light, and a man came into the room. Witness jumped out of bed, and the man ran out of the room. Witness followed him into the hall and turned on the electric light. The orderly was on the front verandah, and witness called out to him. He gave chase to the man through the back room. Witness went on and called Major Hunter. Witness identified five pairs of boots and shoes produced as property taken from her house. Eabu Zama, a sepooy in the 26th Punjab, and orderly to Major Robinson, deposed to giving chase to the man who was called by Mrs. Robinson. Witness chased him to the other side of the bathroom as he was running away. He was carrying a sheet in which were wrapped up some boots and shoes. Witness caught him about 250 paces away at the junction of Nathan and Kimberley Roads.

Further evidence by residents of Kowloon as to identification of stolen property was taken, and the prisoner was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

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ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

Distribution of Prizes.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Paul's College, Hongkong, was held last night at the college, where a large assembly was provided over by the Bishop of Victoria. Prior to the distribution of prizes by His Excellency the Governor, a capital concert was given by the students, the musical items consisting of both Chinese and European numbers. Recitations were also given in English and Chinese.

His Excellency the Governor arrived after the concert, attended by Captain Taylor, A.D.C.

The Rev. W. W. Rogers, Acting Principal for last year, read the report, which was as follows:—In reviewing the work of the past year, the 4th year's work of St. Paul's College Anglo-Chinese School, we feel at once that it has been a critical year in the life-history of our school. In the first place the Principal, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, M.A., has been at home in England for a well-earned furlough, and his absence naturally left a gap which it was impossible to adequately fill. We take, as a school, this opportunity of extending a warm welcome to him as he once again takes up the reins of government. In the next place no less than eight members of the teaching staff of fifteen left during the year, five to continue their studies at the Hongkong University, two, the Rev. H. O. and Miss Spink, to return to England, and the eighth, Mr. Tse Po Sin, going to Edinburgh to study medicine. When I add that the average number of boys attending has been over 200, by far the largest since the school was opened, it will be seen that we have very much to thank God for in so providing for our many needs that we have been able to keep all our classes going and accomplish a certain amount of progressive work during the past twelve months. The increase in attendance above referred to has been due to the extra accommodation provided by the opening of this building in October 1911. This enables us to accommodate nearly 250 boys, and we have had upwards of 250 names upon our register through the year. The school has been open for 216 days and the attendance generally has been quite satisfactory, one boy Chung Ue Kong having the splendid record of not missing a single day for four years; i.e. since the school was opened. For the third year we presented candidates for the Oxford Local examinations, two boys passing out of five who sat for the junior, and seven passing out of eight who sat for the preliminary. No candidates were presented for the senior, but a class has now been opened and we hope this year to present candidates for this examination. The athletic side of our school work, though not lost sight of, has suffered most from our staff changes. Our own school sports, held by kind permission of the Hongkong Recreation Club on their ground in Causeway Bay in April last, were keenly taken up by the boys. Competitors from this school were also successful in the Hongkong school athletic sports. A school football team has competed in the H.K. Junior School league and our thanks are due to the Officer Commanding the "King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry" for the frequent use of the parade ground for practice. A word now as to the more directly spiritual side of our work. The great aim and object of our school is to send out into the world men equipped not only intellectually and physically, but men of strong, upright character, fashioned after the pattern of our Great Exemplar the Lord Jesus Christ. We have sought to attain this end by the daily study of God's word and by meeting once a week for addresses on the subject of religion, which have been listened to with marked attention by our scholars.

Our thanks are due to the following, amongst others, who have spoken to us one or more times during the past year:—The Right Rev. Bishop Banister and Bishop Taylor-Smith, the Rev. F. T. Johnson, H. Copley Moyle, G. A. Bunbury, W. H. Foster-Pegg, W. T. Austen and H. O. Spink, Colonel St. John and Captain Elliot in addition to the Warden the Bishop of Victoria. The many changes in the staff have already been referred to. While we have greatly felt the loss of several old masters, who have served the school loyally and well during the past two or three years, we are glad to know that most of them have left for the purpose of continuing their studies and so fitting themselves better for that educational work, so vitally important to China at the present time, to which we hope many of them will give themselves when their College course is completed. Special mention must be made of Mr. Thomas Chan, who has been with the school since it opened in 1900, and who left in November to take up a post in the Hongkong University. Mr. Chan's services to the school have been highly valued and he leaves us with our best wishes for his future advancement. In the place of those members of the staff who left during the year, we have had the help of the Rev. N. C. Pope, M.A., Chaplain of St. Andrew's, Kowloon, of Mrs. Claxton, who has taken Miss Spink's place, and of Mr. Ma Tuen Shing, an old prefect of St. Stephen's College who has also studied in America; the services of all of these have been appreciated. We also welcome as members of our teaching staff Messrs. Sidney Edwards and Thomas Rowan, old Diocesan School boys; and Messrs. Wong Shiu Pun and Yip Yuk Pan, former students of Queen's College. Since the beginning of this school year, the staff has been further greatly strengthened by the arrival of Mr. Evan and Mrs. Stewart, brother and sister of the principal. Miss Stewart has in the past given valuable assistance to the school, and we extend to both a hearty welcome. Our thanks are due to Miss

Hunt, of St. Stephen's Girls' College, for drawing lessons given twice a week through the year to the Oxford Local classes. To the staff as a whole, I would like to personally express my gratitude for the cheerful and whole-hearted service which they have rendered during the year. Their work has been done loyally and thoroughly and the present healthy condition of the school is due in no small measure to their loyal co-operation. I must not omit also to express my personal gratitude to our Warden, the Lord Bishop of Victoria, for his constant kindness and help. In closing the report, I only remain to express our thanks to your Excellency for the honour you have done us this evening by coming to distribute our prizes, and to express the hope that this New Year, which is opening so brightly for our school, will be one of real prosperity and progress in every department of our work.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Rogers on the report, and stated that Mr. Rogers had had a very difficult task during the past year, for he had had to take charge during critical times. The boys and masters had stood by him, however, and the result had been most encouraging. Mr. Rogers, like Mr. Stewart, was a stern disciplinarian. His Excellency appreciated discipline, and it was a strong point in that school. They were glad to welcome the Rev. Mr. Stewart back, because the school had grown up around him. It was a great credit to him, and they were glad he had not come back alone, but had brought his sister and brother, who were also devoting their lives to work in this Colony. (Applause.) They were, therefore, starting under good auspices, and they were fortunate in having his Excellency with them that evening. The Governor had always taken a keen interest in the college, and he had come there at great inconvenience. (Applause.)

His Excellency the Governor, in the course of an address, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present, because in coming there he was paying honour in a small way to that college and to the Headmaster, Mr. Stewart. (Applause.) The name of Stewart was so well-known in the missionary field in the Far East that it was a pleasure to him, as it would be to any Englishman, to pay a tribute to that name. And not only for that reason, but for old connections which he had had with the family of Stewart did it give him pleasure to be present. Mr. Stewart and he were fellow-countrymen, and both hailed from Ireland. (Applause.) Mr. Stewart's uncle and he were schoolboys together in Dublin, and in those days they were subjected to very severe discipline—something like the discipline they may have read of in Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby." He could not criticise the Headmaster's report because that school was one of those in the Colony which were not under Government supervision. He might say that that was a condition which he hoped in a short space of time to alter, because he thought every school ought to be under Government supervision and control, so that they might know what was being taught in the school, how it was being taught, and come there and supervise by inspection, and perhaps by examination; not that they did not have confidence in the teachers, but because education, especially in a colony situated as that one was, was a most important matter. If the boys were to do any good at all to China in the years to come—to which country many of them would give their lives—it was necessary that they should be educated with some care and circumspection. He had no doubt that the change he adverted to would be welcomed by those in charge of the school. He asked the boys to remember the fact that they were being brought up in a British colony, not only to serve, perhaps, in an official or private capacity in the Colony, but many of them, no doubt, would serve in the Empire of China. They in Hongkong were well-wishers of the Empire, and they wanted to do their best to educate the boys in such a way that hereafter in whatever line of life they took up, they would prove themselves honest, trustworthy, and justice-loving men. (Applause.)

His Excellency then presented the prizes, each of the recipients being loudly applauded.

As vote of thanks was passed to his Excellency for attending, and the customary cheering brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

WASTE OF WATER.

COMPLAINT AGAINST POLICE.

A woman who was charged before Mr. Hazard at the Magistrate to-day with wasting water at a tap in a lane near Water Street, complained that the Indian Constable who arrested her, kicked her. She showed a mark on her leg, which she said had been caused by the kick.

In reply to the Bench, the defendant said she did not complain to the Inspector of the assault.

Inspector Dymond said this was the first he had heard of the assault. He did not think that the constable (No. 784) would commit such an assault.

The defendant was fined \$5 or 14 days.

MOTHERS SHOULD REMEMBER THIS.

WE wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria, and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotics and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE SCOTT EXPEDITION.

DREADFUL NEWS.

REPORTED TO HAVE PERISHED.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
The Central News announces that Captain Scott and his party perished in a blizzard after reaching the South Pole on January 18, 1912.

THE LAST LETTER.

Captain Scott's wife is at present on the high seas, mid-way between San Francisco and Wellington. The last letter she received from her husband was in May last.

THE PARTY.

Mr. Ponting, the photographer to the Expedition, says that Captain Scott's party was to be composed of Dr. Wilson, Captain Oates, Lieutenant Bowers, and Petty Officer Evans.

A telegram from Wellington states that the "Terra Nova," the vessel of Captain Scott, the Antarctic explorer, has reached Oamaru from the Antarctic.

CAPTAIN SCOTT.

Captain Robert Falcon Scott, R.N., was born at Outlands, Devonport, on June 6, 1868. He was made a C.V.O. in 1904, and four years later he married Kathleen, daughter of the late Canon Lloyd Bruce. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. At the time of his death he was on his second Antarctic Expedition, having commanded the National Antarctic Expedition of 1901-4. The second, the British Antarctic Expedition, was commenced in 1910. Captain Scott entered the Navy in 1887, and served on the Rover from 1887 to 1889 as lieutenant. He afterwards served in the Amphion in 1890 and in 1898-99 he was torpedo lieutenant of the Majestic, the flagship of the Channel Squadron, later being promoted as First Lieutenant. His command of the ship was in 1900, and four years later he was made Captain. He received the Hon. D.S.O. of Cambridge and Manchester (1905). He was a gold medalist of the Royal Geographical Society, American, Swedish, Danish, Philadelphia, and Antwerp Geographical Societies. In 1905 he published a book in two volumes on "The Voyage of the 'Discovery'."

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

The following is from the current edition of "The Daily Mail Year Book": "Probably the past season will be notable for the double conquest of the South Pole. It is not yet definitely known if the British party under Captain Scott arrived there, but hopes are entertained that next spring will bring word that such has been the case. The British explorers, after wintering at the western end of the Ice Barrier, left the southern point of Ross Island (lat. 77 deg. S.) on November 2. The distance to the Pole, in a straight line, was about 850 miles. The conditions were not favourable to fast travelling, but by dogged efforts the explorers made their way over the Barrier ice and up to the high plateau region of South Victoria Land by way of Beardmore Glacier, previously traversed by Sir Ernest Shackleton. By January 4 they had advanced to a point in lat. 87 deg. 52 min. S., having travelled from Hut Point a distance of over 480 miles in 82 days. Their average rate of progress southwards was about 11 miles a day. Here the last supporting party turned back, leaving Captain Scott and four companions to continue the journey to the Pole, a distance of about 170 miles. Apart from an excellent record of scientific work, other sections of the British expedition have been exploring in the northern half of South Victoria Land. Accidents and disease carried off several of the Manchurian ponies and dogs in the early stages of the expedition, and these losses seriously hampered the plans of the polar party, but when Captain Scott wrote home on January 3 everything pointed to the successful completion of his journey."

THE KING'S SYMPATHY.

The King has telegraphed to Lord Curzon, as President of the Royal Geographical Society, his deep grief at the news of the loss of Captain Scott, just when he was hoping to welcome him home from a great and arduous undertaking.

CANADIAN TRADE AND IMMIGRATION.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa telegraphs that the Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has started for Australia and on returning will probably visit Japan in connection with trade and immigration questions.

LATER.

Mr. Foster will also visit China on his return from Australia.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

TURCO-BALKAN WAR.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
A telegram from Constantinople states that two Turkish warships destroyed the enemy's positions at Hillivri, 42 miles westward of Constantinople, and infantry were landed at Akburun. Part of the force proceeded to Bidados on the coast 36 miles westward of Constantinople.

It is declared that a reconnaissance from Chatalja has reached Cherkesskei, distant 25 miles in a north-westerly direction.

TURKISH LOSSES.

A Sofia telegram says that at night-fall twenty Turkish vessels began landing troops at Charkouli, fifteen miles North-eastward of Bulair. They were almost immediately attacked and driven back to the ships, suffering considerable losses. All attempts on the part of the Turks to assume the offensive at Chatalja have been checked, and an attempt to land a force at Podima, on the Black Sea, fourteen miles south-east of Midia, was repulsed, the Turks leaving 50 dead.

A TURKISH DEFEAT.

A telegram from Sofia states that six Turkish divisions on Saturday attacked the Bulgarians before Bulair, where the line of forts crosses the neck of the Gallipoli peninsula, but they were repulsed, leaving an enormous number of killed and wounded.

FIGHTING AT SKUTARI.

MONTENEGRIN'S TERRIBLE LOSSES.

LATER.
A telegram from Podgoritz states that for three days desperate fighting has taken place at Skutari. The Montenegrins admit that they suffered terrible losses. The height of Great Bardarjoli, which dominates Skutari on the eastern side, has been taken by storm.

HAMEDIEH LEAVES THE CANAL.

The Turkish cruiser Hamedieh which sought refuge in the Red Sea on January 19 after an engagement with Greek warships has passed Port Said on the way to the Mediterranean.

HEAVY LOSSES.

Reuter's Sofia correspondent telegraphs that the Bulgarian losses at Bulair, on Saturday were five officers and 412 men wounded, and two officers and some men killed. The Turks suffered enormous losses, including twenty officers. They also lost quick-firers, rifles and stores.

MORE APPALLING FIGURES.

An official telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Centinje states that the Montenegrin losses at Bardarjoli were 2,500, while four thousand Turks, dead and wounded, were found on the battlefield. There has also been three days fierce fighting at Tarabosh, where the battle is still continuing.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Feb. 11.
The death is announced of the well-known Scottish artist, Sir George Reid.

AIRCRAFT IN BRITAIN.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

LONDON, Feb. 11.
The Government has introduced a Bill giving powers to prohibit aircraft from flying over prescribed areas, and requiring foreign aircraft to land within certain areas. In the event of air navigators disregarding the warning signals, it will be lawful to fire on them, or otherwise compel compliance.

A ROYAL ROMANCE.

GERMAN PRINCESS'S BETROTHAL.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that the Kaiser and Kaiserin and Princess Victoria Louise left suddenly for Karlsruhe to-day with the view of arranging a marriage between the Princess and Prince Ernst August of Cumberland, with whom the Imperial family are said to be finally reconciled. It is understood that the Prince relinquishes his claim to the throne of Hanover and ascends the dual throne of Brunswick.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INTER-PORT FOOTBALL.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 11.
In the Inter-Port Association Football match yesterday Hongkong defeated Shanghai Club by four goals to nil.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

AN INTERESTING COMPARISON.

LONDON, Feb. 11.
At question-time in the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill announced that in April, 1912, Germany would have 26 Dreadnoughts and Great Britain 43, excluding the Malaysia cruiser or any provided by Canada.

MERRY MEXICO.

ANOTHER LITTLE WAR.

LONDON, Feb. 10.
A telegram from Mexico reports that the rebels have released Felix Diaz, the nephew of the ex-President. The majority of the troops have joined him, and he practically controls the situation. About 300 casualties occurred in the street fighting. President Madero is holding out in the Palace against the rebels, aided by members of the Cabinet and a few loyal troops. The reported capture of the Palace is incorrect. Two generals have been killed. The President's family has found an asylum in the Japanese Legation. General Ruiz and five other officers were killed in the Palace courtyard. It is uncertain whether they were executed or killed by their own troops.

ANOTHER PRESIDENT.

LATER.
Reuter's Mexico correspondent states that Diaz has been proclaimed President.

FLIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Reuter's Mexico correspondent telegraphs that President Madero has fled from the capital with his family, and it is reported that the Cabinet has resigned. General Blanquet, upon whom the President relied for support, arrived with some troops but was unwilling to fight Diaz, and moreover after severe fighting the artillery surrendered to the rebels. Madero notified Diaz that he expected him to protect foreigners.

TRAINING NOTES.

The weather at the Race Course this morning was very disagreeable; a fine rain was blown in our faces by a cold wind, which at intervals blew down the valley in strong gusts, driving heavy showers before it.

The attendance naturally was very meagre, only the ultra-enthusiastic owners, jockeys and critics (including His Excellency Sir Henry May) putting in an appearance. Mr. George Potts of Shanghai, who is returning to that port from the Manila Carnival, was also one of the interested spectators.

The outside course was, of course, closed; and the sand track was heavy going. All the gallops were short, none over a mile, while many of the ponies were merely given a pipe-organ over three furlongs or a quarter. Cleric and Capello were both sent over three-quarters and both put in a good finish. The former 30.4 and the latter 30.2. Head or Tail went slow over a mile, but finished in 31.4, though in not good style—going short. White Hawthorn did a half in 1.06.31.2; and Barford in 1.06.4.31.1. Perpetual Motion showed improvement by negotiating three-quarters in 1.45.1, last quarter 31.2. Mayfair, of the same stable, covered the same distance in 1.41, but took 32 to finish.

Sir Bedivere went three-quarters easily in 1.41, last quarter 30.4. Sir Beaumaris was taken a mile, 2.17, which appeared too long for him in the mud, last quarter 34. Sir Aconon's time was better, 2.10.3.82.2. All Sir Henry May's ponies were sent over and Bayonet proved the best, 1.43 for three-quarters, last quarter 38.1. Sweet Sultan was rated over a half in 32.1.103.2. Ben Wyvis apparently does not like the mud; the same might be said of Jambouini.

There was not a decent performance amongst the Subs. except Ben Travato's effort over three-quarters; last 1.04.4; last quarter 30.4. Edgell covered a half in 35.3.1.08.2. Tally took 1.10.4 for the same distance, but came home in 31.4.

CHING.

COMPANY MEETING.

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The ordinary half yearly meeting of this company was held this morning at the office, Hotel Mansions, at noon. Mr. R. Fohman presided and there were also present Hon. C. H. Ross, Messrs H. A. Sieb, F. Lieh, F. H. Armstrong, G. Friedland, R. Laurens (directors) W. E. Clarke, (Secretary), T. F. Hough, J. M. Alves, M. S. Northcote and H. Schluter, shareholders.

The Chairman said:—In view of the continued keen competition experienced on all the lines operated by the company, the amount standing at credit of profit and loss account for the period under review will, I trust, be considered satisfactory by shareholders, and I hope the proposed appropriations will meet with your approval. The statement of accounts as usual is so plainly set forth that they do not require much further elucidation on my part more than to mention that investments in shares and debentures of public companies have been increased by \$80,465, inclusive of \$25,093.75 appreciation in value as adjusted in accordance with quotations current on 30th December last. Loans on mortgage remain the same, the loans advanced show a satisfactory margin of safety, the properties having been inspected and re-valued by the company's surveyors. Messrs Palmer and Turner. The value of properties at Canton has been reduced by the amount recovered from insurance owing to the recent big fire that occurred at Canton on the 15th November last. If you follow the account as issued from year to year, you will notice the gradual widening down process of steamers, wharves and properties belonging to the Company and I am sure shareholders will appreciate this method as adopted by your Director. The net earnings of steamers compare favourably with the previous half year and corresponding period for 1911. Amounts expended in repairs are always heavier in the second half of the year as more vessels are docked at this time by taking advantage of the finer weather and freedom from typhoons. Income from investment is about the usual average. An amount of \$124,433.88 has been debited to "special repairs fund" for extraordinary repairs to the a.s. "Honnam" and cost of increased steamers accommodation on the steamer "Heungshan." These improvements are necessitated by increased demand for cabin traffic and to fulfil a desire on the part of your board to keep the vessels of the fleet in an up-to-date state. Your directors having been advised by experts that the a.s. "Heungshan" should be fitted with double funnels to secure greater economy in the working of her boilers, it was decided to adopt the system, and I am pleased to say, the result is very satisfactory. The loss in exchange by subsidiary silver coinage during the six months working, amounted to \$24,081.58. Reference to this loss, for loss it is, proves what a mistake it is to say such loss can be off set by charging higher rates. Such an absurdity could not work with all the opposition vessels on the river charging 10 cents for deck passages to and from Canton during the whole of the period under review. Such a contingency is resulted by the forces in competition. I am pleased to inform you that after somewhat protracted negotiations with the Chinese Provincial Authorities at Canton, renewal of the lease of the company's wharf site at Canton has been granted which will enable us to start rebuilding the wharf which was destroyed by fire on the 15th November last. At the previous meeting of shareholders held in August last the chairman mentioned that your directors had under consideration the question of building a new steamer, and it now gives me pleasure to inform you that the Board has decided to construct a vessel suitable for either the Canton or Macao services was arrived at after very careful consideration. By this means it will be possible to immediately replace one of our steamers in the Canton service should it be found necessary, while, the new vessel will be in a position to operate on the Macao line. The difficulty was to so plan and arrange the vessel as to be particularly suitable for either service. The result can be seen by inspection of the plans produced. From several tenders received the contract was awarded to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., on the 30th Aug. last at a price acceptable to your Board, and shareholders are to be congratulated that the contract was settled thus early as prices of all construction material have since risen from 20 to 30%.

The vessel will be built to Lloyd's specifications and Board of Trade requirements and of the very best material and workmanship. She will be of the twin screw type with engines and boilers to make a speed of 15 knots. Her dimensions will be extreme length 290 feet, breadth of beam at mid deck 53 feet and on the 7 feet water line 48 feet. Her light draft will be 7 feet and with 387 tons of deadweight 8 1/2" mean draft. Her engines will develop over 3,000 I.H.P. with the boiler working pressure of 180 lbs. She will be built on the cellular double bottom principle and of great strength. Her accommodation for all classes of passengers will be of the very best, and calculated to meet the changing requirements of the East. The builders hope to have the vessel completed by September of the current year. As decided at the last general meeting and proposed and confirmed at two extraordinary meetings held in October and November last the revised articles of association were adopted and in accordance therewith this is the last occasion we shall forgo her in attendance at a half-yearly meeting. But please rest assured that your interests will as usual be safeguarded, and if the profits of the company warrant it an interim dividend will be declared. Mr. F. A. Gomes resigned his seat on the board at the end of the year after serving on the directors for the long term of 20 years—since March 1884—and his valuable advice and guidance has always been acceptable to his colleagues on the board and it is with much regret that we now lose his service. I do not know of anything else calling for special mention, but should any shareholders desire further information, I shall have much pleasure in answering any questions. There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. Hough, in responding said: "I congratulate the Director and management on the presentation of such satisfactory figures. A reference to the minutes of our last half-yearly meeting will remind you that when the necessary amendment of the Articles of Association was mooted, I threw out the suggestion that in common with the practice adopted by other companies successfully working in the Colony one meeting per annum might suffice for us. This suggestion was given effect to and was incorporated in the new articles under which we now work. We today have the assurance of our Chairman that to use his own words—our interests will be safeguarded and that if the profits of the company warrant the payment of interim dividends they will be declared. I put it to you that we can safely leave things at that with the hope that the era of prosperity we are at present enjoying may continue and permit of our directors giving effect to this unanimous decision. With regard to the working period. With regard to the new steamer contracted for, I feel sure that, with me, you all anticipate with pleasurable feeling this addition to our fleet. It cannot but be satisfactory to the shareholders to be in a position to confirm the action of the Board in all they have done in this connection which encourages us to look forward to the time when she will take her place in the working schedule and become an earning factor. We welcome the Chairman's statement that the difficulties in connection with the renewal of the Canton Wharf lease have been overcome, which, in itself, is an eloquent testimonial to the assiduous work of our management, staff and the agents concerned. I am sure I voice your intentions when I place on record our appreciation of this vexatious matter having been so ably handled. With these remarks I solely the adoption of the report and accounts. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Northcote, seconded by Mr. Schluter and unanimously agreed that Messrs A. O. D. Gordon and W. E. Potts, be elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$250 each. The Chairman, after announcing that dividend warrants were now ready and could be obtained upon application, thanked Mr. Hough for his expression of confidence in the management of the company and more especially for his wishes for its future prosperity. He endorsed the work of the Secretary Mr. W. E. Clarke, to whose long experience of the River and great zeal and practical details in great measure the success of the company was due.

Mr. Clarke, acknowledging the Chairman's compliment, said the property of Company depended to a great extent upon the skill of all the floating staff, especially the seamen and engineers, and the economies they effected, and to the assistance and skill displayed by Mr. Arnold in the office.

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The Colony one meeting per annum might suffice for us. This suggestion was given effect to and was incorporated in the new articles under which we now work. We today have the assurance of our Chairman that to use his own words—our interests will be safeguarded and that if the profits of the company warrant the payment of interim dividends they will be declared. I put it to you that we can safely leave things at that with the hope that the era of prosperity we are at present enjoying may continue and permit of our directors giving effect to this unanimous decision. With regard to the working period. With regard to the new steamer contracted for, I feel sure that, with me, you all anticipate with pleasurable feeling this addition to our fleet. It cannot but be satisfactory to the shareholders to be in a position to confirm the action of the Board in all they have done in this connection which encourages us to look forward to the time when she will take her place in the working schedule and become an earning factor. We welcome the Chairman's statement that the difficulties in connection with the renewal of the Canton Wharf lease have been overcome, which, in itself, is an eloquent testimonial to the assiduous work of our management, staff and the agents concerned. I am sure I voice your intentions when I place on record our appreciation of this vexatious matter having been so ably handled. With these remarks I solely the adoption of the report and accounts. The motion was carried unanimously.

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